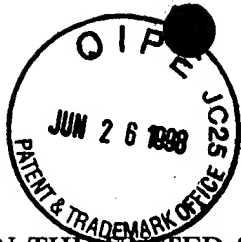


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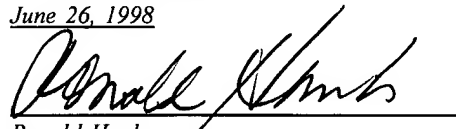
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
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Sir:

This Amendment is in further response to the Office Action of December 12, 1998 is being filed as a Preliminary Amendment to a Continuing Prosecution Application made concurrently with this Amendment.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1, 3, and 9 as follows:

C1  1. (once amended) An environmentally stable substantially non-leaching cement product of a process for thermo-chemical remediation and decontamination of sediments and soils contaminated with organic materials as well as inorganic contaminants and heavy metals, the process comprising the steps of:

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